information to be given to the bidder, information sought from the bidder, evaluation criteria, etc.

Issues related to Valuation—

Balance sheets of SEBs have to be restructured as part of the overall sector-restructuring exercise, irrespective of the model followed for private sector participation.

Employee related Issues:—

Adequate preparatory work is required to dispel the fears of the employees that private sector perticipation would lead to large scale retrenchmant or affect job security/service conditions. The political leaders also have to be oriented to reforms. Dialogues with employees can be opened. Excess manpower has to be redeployed and retrained VRS package in the form of a pension scheme can be tried. The process of transfer should be legislated for in the Reforms Bill.

Subsidised Power Supply in the States

83. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the State Electricity Boards are running at a loss mainly due to the subsidised supply of power to farmers;

(b) if so, the States which are supplying power to farmers and also for domestic use at subsidised rates, and the extent of subsidy given during the years 1994-95, 95-96, 96-97 and 97-98; and

(c) how far this loss due to subsidy has been compensated by the Central Government/State Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Subsidised supply of power to different sectors is also one of the reasons for losses.

(b) and (c) Generally all SEBs are supplying power to farmers and domestic consumers at subsidised rates. As per information available, the subsidy given by State Governments for the years 1994-95, 95-96, 96-97 and 97-98 is given in the Statement.

Statement

Subsidy given by State Government during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97

S. No.	Name	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	APSEB	944.00	0.00*	0.00*
2.	ASEB	0	0.00	0.00
3.	BSEB	0.00	0.00	N/A
4.	GEB	215.00	459.00	262.53
5.	HPSEB	0.00	0.00	0.05
6.	HSEB	465.10	192.00*	219.32
7.	KEB	206.53	551.00	553.00
8.	KSEB	0.77	1.00	0.00
9.	MESEB	N/A	8.00	N/A
10.	MPEB	219.82	592.00*	310.00
11.	MSEB	0.00	631.00	258.71
12.	OSEB	161.00	190.00	N.E.
13.	PSEB	0.00	468.00	0.00
14.	RSEB	360.73	235.00	44.48
15.	TNEQ	350.06	416.00	370.10
16.	UPSEB	0.00	0.00	0.00
17.	WBSEB	30.10	82.00	55.00

* Excluding Adjustment Against S.G. Loans.
** Excluding Adjustment Against S.G. Equity.

N.A. — Not Available.
N.E. — Not in Existence.

Source — PFC

Cracks in Tehri Dam

84. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cracks reported recently in the under construction Tehri Dam; if so, the details/reports Government have received in this regard;

(b) whether Government have deputed/sent any team of experts to study the reasons and the implications of the cracks on the project, if so, the details thereof; and